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SUBJECT: UAE Kazakhstan Candidacy for IAEA Board
of Governors Seat

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reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).
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11. (S) On July 21, CDA presented reftel demarche encouraging support for Kazakh candidacy for an IAEA Board of Governors seat (for which Syria is currently the only declared candidate) to MFA Asst U/S for International Cooperation Ambassador Mohammed Abdulrahim Abduljalil, who said he would consult with the Foreign Minister.

12. (S) A/S Welch pressed the issue in a subsequent conversation in Abu Dhabi with UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed (AbZ), who stated that the Kazakhs seemed very uncertain, even shy about stepping forward. AbZ nonetheless indicated that the UAE would follow up with Kazakhstan and encouraged the U.S. to engage with Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

13. (S) In July 27 and 28 conversations, MFA Asst U/S Abduljalil informed CDA that the UAE was still working the issue, but stated clearly that there had been no UAE decision yet to support any candidate. The UAE appears to feel that the ball is in Kazakhstan's court to step forward and declare its candidacy. The Kazakh ambassador to the UAE is due back in Abu Dhabi on August 1st. Post also pulsing MinState Gargash.

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